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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

B<sup>2</sup> An apparatus and method for providing subscription information, including a receiver for receiving a request to receive or pick-up a printed issue of a periodical, a newspaper, or a magazine, or a ticket to a sporting event, an entertainment event, or a performance, at a retail facility or store pursuant to a subscription, wherein the request contains information regarding the subscription, a processing device for processing the request and for determining at least one of a status of the subscription, a number of issues, and a number of tickets, remaining to be fulfilled pursuant to the subscription, wherein the processing device generates a message containing information regarding an authorization or a denial to provide the issue or the ticket in response to the request, and a transmitter for transmitting the message to a transaction device located at the retail facility or store.

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